In February last, the Mexican Consul at New-York informed Mr. Romero that vessels were leaving that city carrying provisions and articles contraband of war to Vera Cruz for the use of the Allies, whose troops were then at that port. The Mexican Minisear, without delay, advised Secretary Seward of probibits the importation of contraband of war to these facts, and at the same time put to him the neutral in the pending war, and made the sugges-

Vera Cruz estensibly as friends and being still engaged in regotiation with Mexico. The Secretary of State added that it was for the interest of Mexico that the United States should take this position, since she was more dependent upon us for supplies than the allies to whom Europe was open, and thet therefore it was for her advantage that we should treat both her and the allies as friends, and export to each what was wanted.

To this Mr. Romero replied accepting Mr. Soward's principles and propositions, and saying that he when an agent of the Justez Government baving Seward, came to this country to purchase arms, the inevitable risks of the business. His first effort was to buy them from the Govern-ment. He failed in this, but was told that although

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nations in such cases, if caught by those against

whom their operations were directed.

Mr. Romero answered this brief opinion at length. referring to the standard authorities on internations law, to the treaty with Mexico, which expressly nation at war with either of the parties to the question whether the United States intended to be treaty, naming, as one of the articles contraband, actural in the pending war, and make calling the first that were their purpose, they should put in the matter of the attempted transportation of in the matter of the attempted transportation of arms for the use of Mexico, referred to above, arms for the use of the attempted transportation of arms for the use of the attempted transportation of the state o which, as the communication plausibly urged, were The Secretary of State in his answer to this com-munication took the ground that the U. S. did not the French, and no more necessary. To this, Sec recognize a state of war as existing between Mexico retary Seward responded that the grounds upor and the allied powers, the latter having landed at which the prohibition in the case of arms and the permission in the case of other articles contraband of war stood, were essentially different, and that the United States intended to observe the strictes neutrality in the war between France and Mexico

The Government had issued a general order pro hibiting the exportation of arms to any country whether at peace or war with the United States for the reason that she needed all the arms within her borders for the use of her own soldiers engaged in putting down the rebellion, and for the further reason that she was unwilling to send any arms where they might fall into the bands of the Rebels. was perfectly willing that the Allies should be where they might fall into the bands of the Rebels allowed to export provisions and articles contraband. But as regards other contraband of war this reason that are contraband of war this reason that are contraband of war this reason that are contraband to the said of t sllowed to expert provisions and united to his of war, if the same privilege were extended to his did not apply. Wagons, mules, railroad ties and Government. Thus the matter stood until July last, other articles of that description might be lawfully other articles of that sold by citizens of the United States and purchased been apprised of the understanding with Secretary by foreigners, all parties to the transaction running

To this Mr. Romero's rejoinder to which Mr. Seward has not yet replied, is long and elaborate. the Government had none to sell, be could export He raises in diplomatic phrase a question as to the then to Mexico if he could arrange for their pur-existence of the prohibition order alleged, and After some difficulty, the agent effected a purchase grounds his doubts upon the ignorance of the Secreexistence before Secretary Stanton's reference to it,

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OUR RELATIONS WITH MEXICO.

The Clearance of Supplies for the Allies.

PROTEST BY THE MEXICAN MINISTER.

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Freights are still very quiet, and rates are easier for grain and heavy goods, but firmer for flour to Great Britain. To Liverpool the engagements are 27,000 bushels Wheat, at 64d., in bulk and bags; 100 ten. Beef, at 4s.; 100 bbls. Shoe Pegs, at 2s.; 300 bales Hope, at 4d., and per neutral flag 200 boxes Bacon, at 30s.; 1,000 boxes Cheese, at 32s. 6d.; 650 bags Clover Seed, at 32s. 6d., 50 hhds. Tallow, at 26s., and per steamer 300 boxes Cheese and 600 pkgs. Butter, at 60s. To London, per neutral flag: 3,200 bbls. Flour, at 3s.; 100 bags Clover Seed, at 35s.; 16e tales Hops, at id. To Glasgow, per neutral vessel: 50 boxes Bacon, at 32s. 6d. To Breman, per neutral flag: 200 bules Hops, at 4d.; 500 bbls. Alcohol, at 3id.; 400 bbls. Shoe Pegs, at 3s. 2d.; 150 tuns Sapanwood, at 25s., and 150 hhds. Tallow,

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In foreign bills there is not much doing, but the market is very firm under the advance in gold. Stering is 1474 218, with not much to be had below 128. France are about 3,75.

Mesers. Ward & Brandt quote foreign exchange as follows: London: 60 days sight \$\psi\$ Cl44 40-100 cents and 147; do. 3 days do. 3.774. Amsterdam: 60 days sight \$\psi\$ Clays follows: 100 days sight \$\psi\$ Clays follows: 250 days sight, \$\psi\$ Florin, 50; Bremen: 60 days sig 

Jan. 7. at Irving Hall, concert of Master W. Pape. See servertisement. At the church corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street, there is appended to the grand organ the new French stops sex Aumana, "full of arrarising Blasions" ink the human, "its said. As the human voice is the divine instrument compared to which all eithers are "of the earth carthy," gentle amateurs, hie to the church and hear its mechanical imitations. Mr. U. C. Burrap is the organist.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC-MR. GRAU'S NEW SEASON. ACADEMY OF MUSIC—MR. CRAB S NEW CLASSIN.

On Monday evening next Mr. Grau will reopen the Academy of Music, with a company strengthened by the names of Miss Reliegs and others not incinded in the troupe of the last briof ensum. The first opera performed with be. Polisto, In which Miss Reliegs, Messra, Brigned and Amodio will ensure the principal rôles. Several cotirety new works are an-

Mr. Mason Jones on GARIBALDI,-Mr. Jones add. The subject in other hands would not have the nine interest; for Mr. Jones not only speaks of the Italian petriot as an admirer, but as one who went with him from Sicily to Napies, who shared his daugers and participated in

SABBATH-SCHOOLS .- A meeting in behalf of Sale bath-Schools will be held on Sabbath evening, the 4th inst, in the Fifth-avenue Presbyterian Church, corner of Nine tecath street, at 75 o'chick. The speakers announced are the Rev. B. W. Chidiaw, the Rev. W. B. Trusa, and Stephes Parasan, e-q, all well known laborers to the Sabbeth-School Paxasin, e.q. all well known interest to the Sabeth-Scho-cause. The first, Mr. Chidlaw will speak principally on the influence of early religious instruction, as he has seen it man-ifested among the soldiers in the hospitals of the West and South-West, where he has been laboring the past year.

Mayor Ordyke will not be delivered until next Monday. & which time the new Board of Aldermen will be organized for

THE EASTERN DEPARTMENT. - Major-General John E. Wool, who has been appointed to the command of the Eastern Department, in the place of Major-Gen. E. D. Morgan, resigned, will make his headquarters at Albany, of which place he is expected to arrive some time next week.

Rumon.-It is said that Brig.-Gen. Bowen, now President of the Board of Police Commissioners, will leave for New-Orleans in a few days, to take command of the Metrope l'an Brigade, under Cen. Banks.

FIRE IN CHURCH STREET.-About 94 o'clock on Thursday right, a fire took place in the busement of the tenement house No. 168 Church street,